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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: LENINGRAD REFUSENIK REPORTEDLY HELPED BY BRITISH
INTERCESSION

1. A LENINGRAD JEW, SAMUEL STAROBINETS, INFORMED POLOFF'S WIFE THAT HE HOPES TO RECEIVE EXIT PERMISSION SOON TO JOIN HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN ISRAEL. STAROBINETS, WHO HAS EARLIER BEEN REFUSED TWICE, BELIEVES THAT BRITISH INTERCESSION WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE HELPED HIS CASE. ACCORDING TO STAROBINETS, HIS DAUGHTER RECENTLY WENT TO LONDON FROM ISRAEL AND PARTICIPATED IN A GROUP WHICH PICKETED THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN LONDON AND WERE ALSO RECEIVED BY SOMEONE FROM PRIME MINISTER WILSON'S OFFICE WHO HEARD THEIR PLEA FOR INTERCESSION ON BEHALF OF STAROBINETS.

2. STAROBINETS WAS LATER ADVISED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DAUGHTER TO REAPPLY AT LENINGRAD OFFICE OF VISAS AND REGISTRATION (OVIR) FOR HIS EXIT PERMISSION. HE DID SO AND SAID THAT HE WAS RECEIVED "ALMOST GRACIOUSLY" AT OVIR AND TOLD THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE AN ANSWER WITHIN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.

3. FYI STAROBINETS' WIFE DIVORCED HIM TWO YEARS AGO SOLELY IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PROMISED EXIT PERMISSION FOR HER AND DAUGHTER. HIS REFUSAL WAS BASED ON EMPLOYMENT UNTIL 1973 WHICH INVOLVED CLASSIFIED MATERIALS.

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4. CONGEN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION
EMBASSY LONDON MIGHT HAVE ON ALLEGED DEMONSTRATION AND
RECEPTION OF PARTICIPANTS BY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.
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